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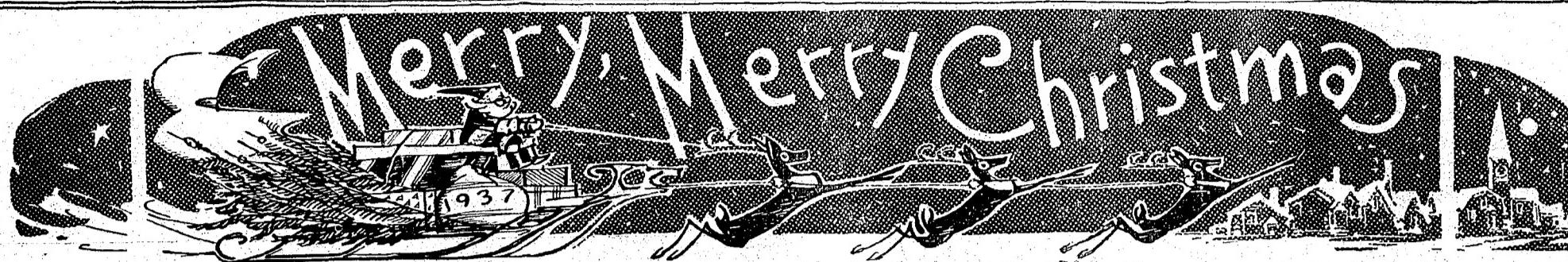


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Golden Gloves Tournament

TO BE HELD AT SCHOOL GYM IN JANUARY

Under sponsorship of the Rube Babbitt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, a Golden Gloves tournament will be held in the Grayling High School gymnasium on the nights of January 18, 19, 20, 25th and 26th. This will be a big event for Grayling and plans now are to hold this tournament at Grayling as an annual affair.

Tentative plans at this writing call for a CCC tournament, in which eight camps are being entered. In addition thirty-five northern communities have been extended an invitation to enter contestants and a Northern Michigan Community tournament will be held. The winners of the CCC tournament will fight the winners of the community tournament to determine who will represent the Izaak Walton Chapter at Bay City in the semifinals and finals, which will be run on Jan. 31st, Feb. 3rd, 7th, and 8th. Winners at Bay City will be sent to the State finals at Grand Rapids Feb. 20th, as guests of the Bay City Times, and winners at Grand Rapids will be sent to Chicago, Feb. 28th, for the Tournament of Champions, as guests of the Grand Rapids Press.

All contestants will be amateurs and will fight in two classes, namely novice and open. The novice class constitutes an amateur who has never won more than one fight in amateur competition and the open class is anyone who has won more than one fight in amateur competition. Each class is then divided in eight classes, starting with flyweights at 112 pounds and ending with heavyweights from 175 pounds up. The local sponsors will present the winners with gold and silver emblems at the close of the tournament.

Grayling is indeed fortunate in being able to make a hook-up with the Golden Gloves Tournament, and the arrangements were made by R. A. Wright. Last Sunday a local committee consisting of R. A. Wright, Harley Russell, Emil Giegling, Farnham Matson, Jack Redhead, and Capt. Austin representing the CCC organization, met with the Michigan A. A. U. officials at the Wenonah Hotel at Bay City, at which time final details were arranged for the tournament. The local tournament committee having Harley Russell as its chairman, have started work on the tournament which promises to be

Kiddies, Are You Ready For Santa?

Grayling's big community Christmas treat will take place tomorrow (Friday) when all children of Roscommon and Crawford counties will be guests of Grayling's business men. Mayor George Burke is the big gun, having as usual contracted with George Olson for a talkie, and other local business men for the sweets, that each youngster will get.

The title of the talkie is "Guns of the Pecos" starring Dick Foran. There is to be a comedy "Blonde Bomber," a novelty cartoon and Bedtime vaudeville. The first show for those from out of town will start at 1:30 and the second show, which is for those kiddies residing in Grayling will be at 4:00 o'clock.

Santa Claus will be on hand to greet all.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Just at the twilight hour, with only the soft light from the candles gleaming at the Michelson Memorial church, a large crowd gathered Sunday evening to hear the cantata given by the senior and junior choirs under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert, with Mrs. Karl Millar at the organ and Miss Betty Parsons and Jean Peterson playing violins.

From the procession, through the cantata to the recessional, the hour and a half of music held the audience in rapt attention. The junior choir, in red robes, led the procession carrying either lighted candles or hymnals, followed by the senior choir in black cassocks, all singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." On the program were anthems, solos, quartettes, and duets, altogether depicting the story of the birth of Christ. It was a beautiful service and a most satisfying way of starting off the Christmas week.

This was the third annual cantata given by the two choirs of the church and those attending were high in their praises for the fine quality of entertainment given to the public.

Mercy Hospital Held Open House

Close to two hundred people visited Mercy Hospital last Sunday, that entire day having been set aside for open house. The past year has been indicative of the continued effort and strife in maintaining the high standards and quality of this enterprise.

Year after year the management and friends of the hospital have achieved new desires, until today Grayling citizens are most fortunate in having the finest hospital in Northern Michigan.

In the past year both the outside and inside have been redecorated, a new fire-proof roof has been added and floor covering for all three floors has been laid. New additions such as a complete children's department, nursery, and delivery room have been realized; and new equipment including an adult oxygen apparatus, and a modern baby incubator are installed. At present plans are being made for the new fire escape, which has already been received ready to be installed.

Mercy Hospital is known all around the state and brings some of the finest compliments to be paid to our city.

One of the special attractions during the "Open House" was a visit to the new nursery department. The beds and furniture, all in "Perry Winkle" blue, and of the very latest design for hospital use, make this one of the most beautiful rooms in the hospital. Joining that room and a part of the nursery equipment, is the dressing and attending room, with its cozy bath and electrically warmed dressing table.

In the room were all kinds of toys and books for infants and children. This very fine addition to the hospital is a gift from E. J. Marshall of Toledo.

The many who visited the hospital on "Open House" day were well repaid for their interest.

SPECIAL

Long Distance

TELEPHONE RATES

For . . .

THE HOLIDAY WEEK ENDS

Knowing the pleasure there is in actually talking with friends in other places, we are happy to help make possible special Long Distance rates for both of the approaching holiday weeks.

Low Long Distance rates that apply every night after 7 o'clock and all day Sunday will be in effect from 7 P. M. Christmas Eve until 4:30 A. M. December 27, and again from 7 P. M. New Year's Eve until 4:30 A. M. January 3.

If you have friends in other cities we urge that you have a voice visit with them. You will fully enjoy it, and so will they.

TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY

Boys And Girls To Enjoy Winter Park

Grayling Winter Sports Association wants all the boys and girls in this county to enjoy the winter park. We would like to see every family have a season ticket but we know that there are some who cannot afford to purchase one. During such times as the snow train passengers are not here, no boy or girl will be refused admission to the park because he or she has no ticket. However, due to the crowded condition of the park when the snow trains are here, only those having season tickets or who purchase tickets at the park will be admitted.

In return we expect and shall insist that all rules of the park be faithfully observed and that no damage be done. Do not use the rink when the "no skating" sign is up, and when skating please do not cut up the ice by running on skates or by dragging the blades. Do not use the toboggan slides without permission. When the throne is built, do not climb on it. It is for decorative purposes only.

We will have the park open and operating just as often as the weather and our finances allow. If you help us in keeping the park in good condition, we will do our best to allow you to enjoy it.

Grayling Winter Sports, Inc.

HANSON CAFE TEAM TO HAVE NEW SUITS

Grayling's Hanson Cafe team will be sporting, through the generosity of local merchants, attractive new black and white suits and jackets. There are eleven complete new outfits for the boys, furnished to them by the

boys, making this one of the most beautiful rooms in the hospital. Joining that room and a part of the nursery equipment, is the dressing and attending room, with its cozy bath and electrically warmed dressing table.

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RANDOM THOTS

Son (over phone)—"Pop, guess who got kicked out of college."

With a Santa Claus on every corner and in nearly every city store, how can a youngster know which is the real Santa?

A woman may not believe all she hears but that doesn't keep her from repeating it.

The local liquor store got in 760 cases of hard liquor Thursday night. We wonder if the Liquor Commission has that kind of an opinion about Grayling drinkers. That's a lot of liquor even for New Year's time.

When this country runs out of public enemies, the parole boards may soon furnish us one.

An itch for money may be cured by scratching.

Johnny Deckrow says there three "W's" in every man's life—water, work, and where've you been.

A child's manners are quite sure to reflect its bringing up.

The Grayling man with rips in his coat and buttons off his clothes should either get married or get a divorce.

A postmaster may be honest but still some people believe they read all the post cards.

We wonder why so many people are carrying bundles these days (?).

Yesterday (Wednesday) was the shortest day of the year. It was a good one while it lasted.

With the great number of canines running loose in town, Santa will have to step lively Christmas Eve to keep his hide intact.

Watch your step on those stretches of new sidewalk.

The new Christmas tree law, while a good one, put quite a dent in the Christmas spirit of those who yearly hiked into the woods in search of their yule tree.

Fewer books on child-raising would be needed if there were more woodsheds and bedroom slippers.

Most wives run everything about the house except errands.

Dr. Rifenberg Dead After Long Illness

WAS WELL KNOWN GAYLORD PHYSICIAN FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Dr. Floyd G. Rifenberg, well known Gaylord physician, died in Mercy hospital at about 5:00 o'clock p. m. Sunday.

A sudden heart attack occurred Sunday afternoon at Mercy hospital in Grayling, where he had been resting for the past three months, caused death. On that day, Dr. Rifenberg stated that he felt the best he had in some time, and discussed plans for a trip to Florida. Relatives had visited him and left when he was seized with the attack.

Born in Alba, Mich., Aug. 1, 1896, Dr. Rifenberg received his training in the Detroit Medical school, graduating with the class of 1927. He is interne at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital for one year and assistant surgeon at Ford hospital. He practiced in Alba for one year and eight years in Gaylord. He served overseas 23 months during the World War as a pharmacist's mate, second class, in the navy, being stationed at Port Corsini, Italy, and later at Rome.

In 1920 he married Miss Irene Anderson of Alba. He leaves in addition to his widow, two daughters, Betty and Norma; one son, John; two sisters, Mrs. A. J. MacDougal, of Gaylord, Mrs. J. L. Phillips, of Alba; two brothers, Clifford, of Detroit, Wayne, of M. S. C.

Dr. Rifenberg was a member of the local post V. F. W., American Legion of Grayling, and F. & A. M. of Mancelona, American Medical Association and the O. M. C. O. R. O. association. Funeral services were held at the home in Gaylord, Wednesday, and interment was at Alba.

Acting as pallbearers were Dr. Claude R. Keyport and Dr. C. G. Clippert, of Grayling, Dr. Gordon McKillop, and Dr. Richard Peckham, of Gaylord, Dr. H. Harrington, of East Jordan, and Dr. Walter Baumman, of Detroit.

Several members of Grayling Post 106 American Legion were in attendance at the funeral services.

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Broken Wheel Ditches Train

WRECK NEAR FREDERIC SUNDAY EVENING

The northbound Michigan Central mixed train, leaving Grayling at about 7:00 Sunday evening, suffered a wreck about two miles south of Frederic. A broken wheel on a freight car caused one coach to jump the track, several others following. One coach and four freight cars, one a tank car filled with gasoline, one coal car and two cars of stone, went into the ditch.

Nobody was injured but the track was torn up for a short distance and the freight cars badly wrecked. A large hole in the tank car let its contents flow out in great quantities, and soon the ground was flooded with gasoline. People took advantage of the spilling gasoline and soon buckets, pails, and just about every conceivable type of container was being used for catching the gasoline as it flowed from the hole in the tank. With many people standing around smoking cigarettes, and the ground covered with flowing gasoline, the situation became extremely hazardous and the gasoline grabbers were dispersed.

The southbound train that was due in Grayling at about midnight was routed by way of Alpena. The right-of-way was cleared by the wrecker from Bay City.

The coal was disposed of at auction. Just who was the buyer could not be learned, as the deal was consummated in Bay City.

Regular train schedule was resumed the following morning.

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Even an old grouch would have had to grin had he seen Jack and Ellen then join hands and dance about in their joy for a merry, lucky Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS AND HOW



WOMAN'S CLUB ENTERTAINS WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday evening the Woman's Club sponsored a very lovely Christmas party with the Camp Fire Girls as guests.

A program of music, songs, games and stunts was given, with all the girls participating.

The dining room where the party was held was decorated very attractively with Christmas greens and reds and a brightly lighted Christmas tree.

Santa Claus arrived at the party rather late, accompanied by Bill. The two put on a little skit which was very amusing and entertaining.

Following a very delicious lunch the Camp Fire Girls said goodnight to the hostesses for a very pleasant evening.



Jack and Ellen Dyson couldn't find a thing for which they could be thankful and merry this Christmas—Jack out of work and Ellen with so little in the house left for meals. But to make matters worse, shortly after Jack left, Ellen missed the emerald setting out of her ring. She hadn't worn it for a long time but it had been her greatest

est consolation—if the "worst came to worst"—it could be sold.

"Five presents here and they aren't from the five and ten, either, Jack! I know, you took my emerald to buy these, didn't you?"

"You honestly think that of me, Ellen? If that's the way you feel, all right, think what you please!"

Neither of them realized that they were hardly accountable for their mutual lack of understanding. Tears fairly blinded Ellen as she

went out to bring in the little hen, the last member of their little flock. She kept thinking that at least this, her last offering to the holiday dinner, was honest.

Then suddenly she caught sight of the familiar emerald—there in the little red hen's insides was hidden the gem she had thought poor Jack had taken. In a moment she went to her knees before her husband.

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A HAND TO BACHMAN

That was a heartening statement made last week by Coach Charles Bachman of Michigan State College. He was asked if he would leave Michigan State college to become football coach at the University of Michigan to replace Harry Kipke.

Bachman said: "You know two former coaches jumped contracts here and I don't expect to be the third one, even though I have only a year-to-year contract. Kipke jumped his contract here to go to Michigan and Jim Crowley jumped his contract to go to Fordham."

How any man who does not keep his word can be held in high regard as a leader of youth and a builder of character is beyond understanding. What impression did Harry Kipke make on Michigan State students when he jumped his contract to take the university job? He told them in so many words that the smart thing is to ignore pledges and contracts if the price is high enough. What impression did Crowley make when he tore up his contract with Michigan State to take the Fordham assignment? Crowley's action plainly said, "Get the cash. Never mind any contract you have signed, any word you have given, unless it is to your own advantage to do

so." Should men with such viewpoints be hailed as builders of character? Should they be held up as exemplifying the ideals of undergraduates?

If Charley Bachman's Michigan State football team does not win another game we'll continue to have confidence in the coach. His stand on contract-jumping will offset a string of football defeats. His example of fair dealing is worth more to the student body than national renown as football champions.—Ingham County News, Mason.

Record Of Trout Planted Here

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Editor
Grayling Avalanche
Grayling, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schumann:

I am submitting the Grayling District fish planting report for your record for 1937:

Brook, Brown, Rainbow Trout	1,045,361
Bulegills	545,800
Bass	13,259
Pike-Perc	20,600,000
Perch	364,000
Total	22,588,420
Weight 25,720 lbs.	
Montana Grayling	12,000
Weight 800 lbs.	

With the present program under construction when completed we hope to double this output of fish this coming year of 1938.

Sincerely yours,
H. L. Peterson,
District Supervisor
Fisheries Operations
Grayling, Michigan.

Grayling Loses Exciting Game

Gaylord defeated Grayling High School last Friday night by a score of 17 to 18. The game was played in Gaylord. Gaylord also won the second team game by a one-sided score of 28 to 4. These games wind up the high school basketball schedule until after the holidays.

Grayling led most of the way in a game that was close throughout, as games between these two schools are apt to be. It was 7-6 Grayling at the half and 11-10, also Grayling, as the game went into the final eight minutes. It was tough to lose the ball game. However the dope bucket took an awful kick in the slate when Grayling showed the boys from Otsego county this kind of a ball game. On dope Gaylord should have won by a more decisive margin, instead of just crawling through. The Boyne City powerhouse only edged out a win over Gaylord 15 to 19 recently and Boyne City is figured to be one of the two best teams in the league. The other is Charlevoix, who will play here later on in the schedule.

The Gaylord seconds showed their rivals a run-away race as they went into the second half. They piled up a commanding lead in the third quarter and Grayling had no offense to counter with.

Life of Siamese Twins
The original Siamese twins married and lived to the age of sixty-three.

Sapphires Toughest Stones
Sapphires are about the toughest stones known. Only the diamond can scratch them.

Personals

Clyde Peterson spent Friday in Sharon, Mich.

Miss Hazel Wilkinson is a new assistant at the Plaza Grill.

Mrs. Mary Schumann visited friends in Lansing over the weekend.

Mrs. George Schable and daughter Beverly, spent Monday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Tom Galloway has been confined to her home with tonsilitis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shaw will spend Christmas in Bay City with their son Ted and family.

Mrs. Minnie Hartley visited her daughter Miss Virginia, in Bay City the last of the week.

Mary Ann Failing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Failing, has been quite sick with tonsilitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Keffer of Kingsley were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell.

The Andrews family of Beaver Creek have moved into the Jesse Penn house on McClellan street.

Benton Jorgenson of Detroit is home visiting his mother Mrs. Adler Jorgenson, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillan have returned from a week's visit with relatives at Central Lake.

J. J. Bairley of Traverse City is the new project engineer in the city for the State Highway Department.

Joe Brady and Bartlund Eldridge left Monday for Midland where they will be employed by the M. C. R. R.

Mr. and Mrs. John Priest of Mancelona are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Tinker.

Miss Florence Butler expects to leave Friday to spend Christmas in Dearborn with her father, William Butler.

Everett Desy returned Sunday from Detroit accompanied by Bartlund Eldridge, who was visiting in that city.

Mrs. Charles David of Flint is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eggle Bugby. Mr. David will join her for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walthers will spend Christmas day with the latter's mother, Mrs. Louisa Stanley, at Sterling.

Charlie Wylie of Olivet is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Floyd Goshorn, and he expects to spend the holiday season here.

Leonard Knibbs is home from C.S.T.C. for the Christmas vacation to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Knibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nielsen and children and Mrs. Henry Bousson spent Sunday with the Frank Tetu family in West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNamara are expecting the latter's mother Mrs. M. A. LeMieux and brother Larry, of Flint, for Christmas.

Harold McCarthy who is employed in Grayling by the State Highway Department, visited friends in Lansing over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Story and grandson Donald Cherry, of Elmira, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Wythe and children are leaving today for Lansing to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Wythe's parents.

Miss Mary Montour is expected to arrive tomorrow from Detroit to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour.

Carl A. Peterson arrived Friday from Hillsdale, where he is attending college, to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal A. Wright left Wednesday for Detroit to spend Christmas. From there they will go to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to spend the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Matson arrived home today from Trenton to spend the holiday season with her family. Miss Janet Matson of Detroit is also expected to be here for Christmas.

Miss Virginia and Emil Kraus Jr., are home for the holiday vacation from University of Detroit, and are assisting in the Kraus \$5 to \$100 Store, during the rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rasmussen, son Vernon and nephew Junior Rodgard, will spend the Christmas holiday in Flint, guests of Mrs. Rasmussen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hanson are expecting their daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Wilcox of Saginaw, to be home for the Christmas holiday. They will arrive Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson returned home Saturday from Lansing accompanied by their daughter, Jean, who is a student at Michigan State College, and who is here to spend the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cody and family left Friday for Holly, Mich., to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. William Wythe and husband. Mr. Cody, who formerly worked for the city, has gone back to work for the M. C. R. R. and has a run between Bay City and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill are expecting a house full for Christmas. Their sons will be home. Robert of Ann Arbor, Bud from Annapolis Military Academy and John of Midland, and Mr. Hill's mother Mrs. Emma Hill of Kalamazoo, will be here. Robert Brier of New York City, is accompanying Bud home to be his guest.

We wish you all
a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
Happy and Prosperous
NEW YEAR

A. & P. FOOD MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb have arrived to be here for the Christmas season to be with their daughter, Mrs. C. G. Clippert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson Jr., of Mt. Pleasant, will be here to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern R. Hanson.

Miss Elaine McDonnell is home from C. S. T. C. Mt. Pleasant for the holiday vacation. She is assisting in the Ben Franklin Store during the holiday rush.

Miss Elizabeth Kraus is expecting as guests for the Christmas season her cousin, Mary Lou Graham, of Durand, and William Ulrich, of Marion.

Miss Pauline Entsminger is home from C. S. T. C. Mt. Pleasant, for the holiday vacation, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gierke.

Miss Evelyn Skingley, who attends Cleary College, Ypsilanti, has arrived home for the holidays and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley.

JUST PLAIN IDIOTS?

(By E. R. Eaton in this week's issue of The Plymouth Mail.)

An Associated Press news dispatch from Lansing a few days ago declared that 709,854 bushels of the best grade of potatoes raised in Michigan during the past summer will be destroyed or fed to livestock. This, it is reported, is in keeping with the "government crop control" program. State Agriculture Commissioner John B. Strange said his department had requested federal assistance, and as the result the government will pay to potato growers \$107,000 and take away from hungry men, women and children of Michigan nearly three fourths million bushels of potatoes. This price is not enough to pay the farmer for his seed and planting.

Wouldn't it be a million times better for the farmers of Michigan if these public officials paid the growers somewhere near the prevailing market price for their crops and then turned the potatoes over to the professional social welfare workers to deliver to those in distress? By peddling potatoes to the needy as they ramble about the state in their automobiles at five cents per mile of tax pennies these "degree" social workers would be doing something at least to earn the thousands of tax dollars they collect in salaries every month.

Crop destruction in times of widespread unemployment and when there are large numbers reported to be actually hungry just does not seem to be common sense.

Is there any one except the plain idiotic who would approve of such a thing?

Such news at a time when Michigan should be rejoicing in the happiness of the Christmas season is almost beyond belief. Hungry little children look pleadingly into the faces of their parents, begging for food, while the fool public officials dump hundreds of thousands of Michigan's best potatoes into gullies to ROT!

What is our self-advertised "great humanitarian Governor" thinking of to permit such a thing to happen in times like these? He dares NOT say that he is without authority to prevent such a wanton destruction of food when actual hunger faces so many of our good people.

Oh yes, it was perfectly alright for Lansing officials to plan to dip their hands into state funds a while back and take out a hundred thousand dollars or thereabouts to buy a "mansion for the governor." Now in times of real emergency not one of the whole mess apparently has a thought as to a most beneficial way to spend state funds to relieve actual suffering and at the same time help the farmers.

STOP this fool thing of destroying food! Take the public funds that are flowing into the pockets of needless public job holders and indolent welfare workers, and buy potatoes from the farmers at a price they are ENTITLED to get for their crop! Then see to it that the hungry receive the food that our officials plan now to let ROT in the fields or feed to hogs.

The couple have many friends in Grayling who extend congratulations and best wishes for many more years of wedded happiness.

Lingerie, hoseery, and dresses make an excellent Christmas gift for the ones you love to remember.

A full supply can be found at the Maureen Shoppe.



**Wishing you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Chris. W. Olsen.

Phone 1

**We extend a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year
to Our Patrons
and Friends.**

CHAS. W. MOSHIER

Phone 147

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Woodburn of Dearborn, formerly of Grayling celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on December 12. The occasion was marked with a dinner at Oxford Inn, in that city, and silver and white predominated in the table decorations. Guests were relatives of the couple together with Mrs. Fred Mutton and Miss Sue Phelan, old friends of Mrs. Woodburn.

Miss Phelan will be remembered as hat trimmer in Mrs. J. E. Crowley's millinery store here.

The bride was formerly Anna LaSprance, daughter of Frank and the late Susan LaSprance, and they were united in marriage in Grayling on Dec. 12, 1912 by Rev. V. J. Hulton. Incidentally a letter paying his felicitations was received by the couple from Rev. Hulton, which was read at the dinner. Two sons were born to the Woodburns in Grayling, James and Francis, who have grown to manhood and live at home. Mr. Woodburn was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Woodburn.

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\$25 REWARD

Do you know where there is a hunting property with either a private lake or spring fed stream?

Stream must start upon the property and have banks high enough at some place for a dam ten feet high. Not interested in cleared or sparsely wooded land. The above reward will be paid to the first person supplying information leading to the purchase of such a property.

Write location, full description of property and name and address of owner, if known, to Box 490, care of this paper.

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A Christmas Message of Good Will and Best Wishes for your Prosperity and Happiness.

A. J. Rehkopf
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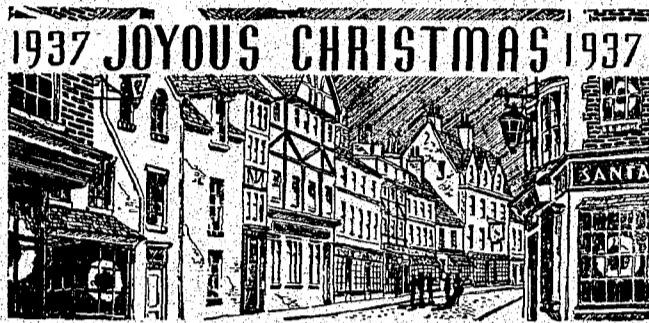
May Good Fortune and Happiness be yours at CHRISTMAS time and follow you throughout the Year.

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Phone 121

APPLIANCES



The Holiday Season presents a pleasant opportunity to express our appreciation for your kind patronage. We wish for you abundant happiness in 1937.

ALFRED HANSON
CHEVROLET SALES AND SERVICE



May pleasant memories of the jolly old season linger long after the holidays are over.

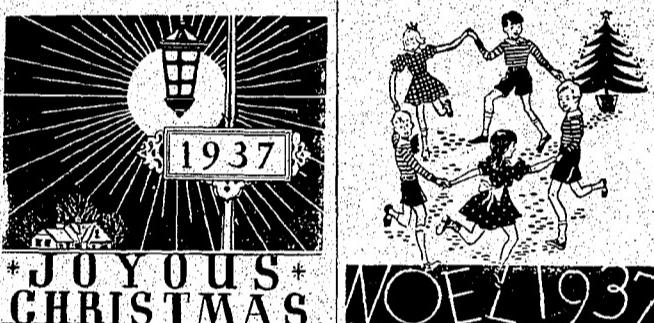
CLYDE J. PETERSON
Sinclair Products Phone 26



The kind co-operation of our patrons and friends has contributed to our success during the past year, and we appreciate it very much.

Accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GRAYLING BAKERY
Charles V. Melichar, Prop'r.



And Happy New Year to Everybody.

We can only say—
May Peace, Prosperity
and Happiness be Yours.

PARSONS & WAKELEY

Grayling Fruit & Produce Company
W. Harwood, Prop'r.



Not big or lavish, but truly sincere as any greeting you will receive is ours.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

SHOPPENAGONS INN
Mrs. Isabel Cassidy, Prop'r.



As Christmas comes around we realize how much friendships mean. And so we take this opportunity to extend to all of you the Yuletide's Best Wishes.

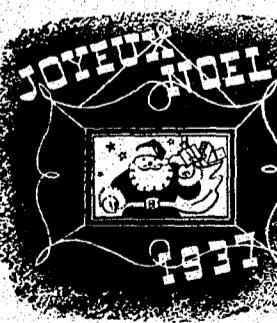
GEORGE BURKE
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We wish for you now a
CHRISTMAS
of joyous recollection of the past and a
NEW YEAR of eager anticipation of the future.
May that wish come true.

J. E. SCHOONOVER

Phone 5-W



And all good wishes for the New Year.

AU SABLE FRIENDLY SERVICE
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HERB'S BARBER SHOP



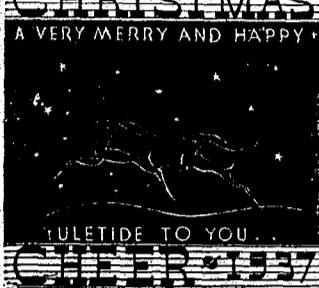
And may "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," be fulfilled in every heart that trusts in Him whose birthday we celebrate this season.

Grayling Jewelry Shoppe

F. J. Mills, Prop'r.

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS



The same old greeting but with renewed sincerity
"Merry Christmas"

Extending the greetings of the season to our patrons and friends.

SPIKE'S KEG-O-NAILS

PLAZA GRILL
Walther & Stanley
Proprietors



Christmas Cheer Throughout the Year

To You and Yours—

Believe the hearty sincerity of this little greeting and expression of Good Will.

MAC & GIDLEY

Phone 18

The Rexall Store



At this Holiday Season we feel deeply grateful for the patronage accorded us during the past year and extend season's greetings.

EMIL NIEDERER Ice and Coal



May we add our simple greeting to the many you will receive at this season.

Nehi Bottling Co.

Carl W. Peterson, Proprietor

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WHAT GIFT COULD BE MORE WONDERFUL than Sunbeam Automatic MIXMASTER?

Only a woman knows how deeply a Mixmaster is appreciated—because only she knows the marvels it performs for her in her daily cooking and baking—the time and arm work it saves.

And only the famous Sunbeam MIXMASTER gives her ALL the benefits of a food mixer because of its many exclusive advantages. Besides Greater Power automatically maintained on all speeds, Mixmaster has the big, easy-to-clean FULL-MIX beaters, a choice of color schemes—ivory-and-green or black-and-white. There's only ONE Mixmaster—be sure the food mixer you give is the "real thing".

Mixmaster comes complete with 2 lovely mixing bowls, \$23.75; juice extractor and strainer, mayonnaise oil dropper.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 24, 1914

The gymnasium, which is being erected by the Danish Young People's society, is now nearing completion. The price of joining gymnastic classes is \$1.50 a month payable quarterly in advance. This is not a Danish affair altogether but open for everyone fourteen years of age or over.

The shingle mill at Lovells started working last Monday.

Sheriff-elect Cody made a business trip to Cheboygan Tuesday.

Gottie Kraus is expected home from Detroit to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hammond and Peter Peterson will spend Christmas in Bay City.

Irving Hodge is assisting in the M. Simpson Est. grocery during the holiday season.

Mrs. Jane Peters of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Shaw, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Wetz of Dayton, O., is expected to arrive in time to spend Christmas with relatives in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burke of Frederic were called to Union City, Mich., last week to attend the funeral services of a relative.

Miss Laura Simpson, who is teaching in the schools at Calumet, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays at her home.

Mrs. A. Kraus returned Monday after a six weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Saginaw, Detroit, Lansing and Ypsilanti.

Miss Cornelie Mielstrup arrived home from Houston, Miss., Tuesday to spend the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Mielstrup, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan, Miss Nellie Shanahan and Edmund Shanahan attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. F. Brady in Mackinaw last Friday.

Miss Augusta Kraus, who has been taking a primary grade course at the Ypsilanti Normal school, graduated with high honors last Thursday. We congratulate Miss Kraus on her success.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tromble will spend Christmas in Detroit, guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Guy Bradley. Mr. Tromble says that this will be the first Christmas spent away from Grayling during the past 25 years.

Frank Carpenter of this city has established a milk business here, supplying his first customers Monday.

Miss Louise Trevegno is in Mercy Hospital where she under-

went an operation Monday. Miss Augusta Kraus will fill Miss Trevegno's place as teacher in the South side school until she is able to return.

Mrs. M. Hanson is recovering from a serious attack of tonsillitis.

Burt Peterson is clerking in the Emil Kraus store during the holiday season.

Mrs. A. F. Gierke spent several days in Bay City, returning Monday afternoon.

Jeff Fogelsonger spent a couple of days last week in Flint, returning Saturday.

Mrs. Julius Ponsar of Lewiston was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Mielstrup will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Mielstrup's parents in Bay City.

A. J. McInnis of Detroit returned to his home last Wednesday after spending a week here, the guest of Miss Icie Milnes.

Miss Clara Nelson, who teaches in the schools at Iron Mountain, in the Upper Peninsula, is home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Cameron Game and little daughter Joyce, left Monday to spend the holidays visiting relatives in Cadillac and Marion.

Mrs. E. Sargent and daughter Mrs. John McPhee, of Mackinaw, were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. M. Shanahan last week.

Mrs. Emil Hanson and daughter Elizabeth returned home Friday last from Bay City, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps Jr., who recently moved to that city. Mr. Hanson, who accompanied them, returned home Thursday.

The school teachers are leaving for their respective homes to enjoy the holiday season.

Earl Woodburn, who is working in Detroit, is spending Christmas at his home here.

William Lamont of Montpelier, Ohio, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Al Cramer.

Miss Helen Reagan is home from the Ursuline Academy in Toledo, Ohio to spend the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tromble visited relatives and friends here this week enroute to his home in Johannesburg, from the U. of M. at Ann Arbor.

The boys and girls who are attending the different colleges and educational institutions, are here to enjoy the Christmas festivities at the respective homes. Misses Burnadette Cassidy and Mable Nelson from Ferris Institute; Helen and Margrethe Bauman

"I Saw the Bear"

(By Nosey)

At least that's what the woman said, when Ted Stephan asked her if she had seen any bear tracks.

This story, however starts, way back before Ted even knew this particular bear existed. Hank Davis sort of thought that he had found some brand new bear tracks, but we have to go back even further. I probably won't begin to get the names of everyone who participated in this bear hunt, because before we were through hunting him, there must have been at least twenty-five persons on his trail.

The first I knew anything of the bear, he crossed the road mighty close to our cabin, too close, in fact. I have never really thought much about bears. In all the years I have lived up here, I have heard about them being around, and a few years ago Pat Wickes claimed she saw one, but no one could find any tracks, and we all concluded it must have been Grant Shaw's black calf. That being the closest I ever came to a bear up here, I wasn't very much excited until I actually saw the tracks.

I always knew bears grew quite large and roomy, but I had no idea so much of them doubled under and squashed out on the ground, so when I was left alone to watch for the bear, I had the car door open, and nothing between me and the car.

This bear started folks moving around over by Charlie Corwin's; he travelled all night the ice and water of Wick Swamp didn't bother him; the AuSable river didn't slow him up, he plodded right through them both, and left a big trail behind him for all to follow, and I guess everybody did!

He went through fences, over hills; he travelled to Lovells and on level ground; the hunters claimed he paused a couple of times and fed on dead does he found in the woods (there are always plenty of them after the hunting season opens), and still going strong, and in places running.

He crossed the grade on the north side of the AuSable, so close to a camp that one could easily have reached out with a broom and touched him; he did the same thing up near Lovells.

One would think that bear actually knew where he was going and made a direct line for that place.

The last we know about him, he was in Wildcat Swamp, on Big Creek, northeast of Lovells, and was shot at, slightly wounded, but not enough to bother him.

However, it was after this that we began learning about him. A lady hunter, walking down the old railroad grade, saw the bear! She claims it was as big as a horse. The fellows who shot at it thought it would weigh about eight hundred pounds, but the boys who were trailing the bear guessed it's weight at four hundred.

The lady hunter thought it was her husband at first; maybe that's why she didn't shoot, because she carried a high powered automatic rifle, when she saw the bear she ran towards it, jumped into a truck in a nearby camp, sprained her wrist, and the next morning left for home.

We can't any of us criticize her, because we don't know what we might have done; the only part we might not understand is that the bear looked like her husband. This she explained later.

She had expected her husband down that railroad grade, not the bear! And her husband had not shaved since the opening of deer season, so this mistaken identity may well be excused.

As far as we know, no one got this bear; if any one has heard to the contrary, I for one would be interested in knowing it.

I think Ernie Borchers wanted to shoot that bear awfully bad, and Hank and Ted Stephan got so excited they were talking in whispers. Hank Davis got mad at the bear because he led him such a chase through the swamp, and the only real cool one that I saw was Frank Serven. Myself, I was just hoping Bruin would take the opposite direction for the rest of his hike.

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Home Economics Extension Notes

Higgins Lake Group

The Higgins Lake Home Economics Extension group held its second meeting Thursday, December 16 with Mrs. Amos Wise man. "Color and Home Decoration" was the topic for discussion.

Mrs. Mallinger gave a very comprehensive review of the lesson and presented many fitting illustrations. She told of various ways color may be used in the home; the emotional effect of various colors; how color creates atmosphere; also four general guides for harmonious combinations.

The next meeting will be January 27 with Mrs. M. W. Richmond. "Rug Making" will be the topic for the day.

Mrs. M. W. Richmond, Sec.

Children in Court

Judge Malcolm Hatfield

In seeking the causes for the United States having three and a half million criminals at large, those who are interested in crime prevention are now scanning the types of reading material which out present day criminals read when they were passing through their adolescent years.

It has been found that a score or so years ago youngsters were permitted to attend motion picture theatres and read books and magazines which not only dealt with murders, wars, cattle rustling, and Indian massacres, but in many instances the plots were based on morbid and depressing subjects.

Even the public schools of twenty or thirty years ago assigned outside reading material which, while although literature, also portrayed violence and morbid conditions. Among the assigned readings were "The Black Cat" and "Gold Bug" by Poe, "Les Misérables" by Hugo, "Oliver Twist" and "Nicholas Nickleby" by Dickens, "The Deer-slayer," "Spy," and "Last of the Mohicans," by Cooper, "Ivanhoe" by Scott, "Treasure Island" by Stevenson, and "The White God" by Wallace.

Educators and others interested in present day crime prevention are wondering whether the reading material of several decades ago might have indirectly stimulated certain present day criminals, when they were adolescent youths, with a desire to imitate the deeds of daring which their favorite characters performed.

The Kindergarten presented a Christmas program on Tuesday afternoon for their parents and the pupils of the first six grades.

The program was as follows:

Selections by the Rhythm Band—"Amaryllis," and "Jingle Bells."

Song—"Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," 3rd Grade.

Recitation—"Rainbow Colors," Second and Third Grade girls.

Play—"Santa Claus Land," 1st Grade.

Song—"Merry Christmas Bells," Kindergarten and First grade.

Recitation—"Colorful Christmas," Second Grade girls.

Play—"A Little Donkey," 1st Grade.

Song—"Cradle Song," 2nd and 3rd Grade.

Drill—"Little Red Riding Hood," 3rd Grade girls.

Song—"Star of the East," 1st Grade girls.

Recitation—"A Don't," Charles Dixon.

Recitation—"Merry Christmas," Kindergarten.

Song—"Shine Out Oh Blessed Star," School.

Recitation—"A Little Mother," Delores Golnick.

Drill—"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," 2nd Grade girls.

Recitation—"My Dollies," Dora Lou Broadbent.

Recitation—"Thinking," Bonnie Boger.

Song—"Child Jesus," Kindergarten.

Play—"Lazy Elf."

Song—"Cradle Song," 2nd and 3rd Grade.

Drill—"Christmas Stockings," Devere Mathews.

Song—"Alleluia," 2nd and 3rd Grade.

Recitation—"Goodby," Walter LaMotte.

Monday.

Boxing and Wrestling instruction.

High School Basketball practice.

Children's Fund Dentist Clinic every day.

Archery club.

Girl's Glee Club practice.

Hi-Y Club meeting.

Junior Basketball league.

Senior Basketball league.

Cubs' practice period.

Woman's Club meeting.

Grade supervised play period.

Rag Doll Sue—Patsy Ann Bishaw.

Rubber Doll—Marjorie Ann Nelson.

Gabo—Dickie Reava.

Spirit of Christmas—Jo Ann Watson.

Bees—Betty Lou Wakeley.

Vera Tinker, Barbara Clough.

Snowflakes—Sally Schram, Nancy Hoessl.

Hollywreaths—Dorine Thompson, Ruth Beck, Ruth Decker.

Gingerbread Men—Howard Babbitt, Jackie Trudeau.

Candy Sticks—Joan Reynolds, Margaret Alice Meyers.

Scotch Doll—Christine Sales.

Irish Doll—Phyllis Bennett.

Jumping Jacks—Jimmy Feldhauser, Gary Hatfield, Bobby Bancroft, Albert Williams.

Girl and Boy Doll—Connie Hewitt, DeWayne Loper.

Dutch Doll—Sue Giegling.

Wednesday.

Girl's Glee Club practice.

Cubs' game with Roscommon.

Junior Class party.



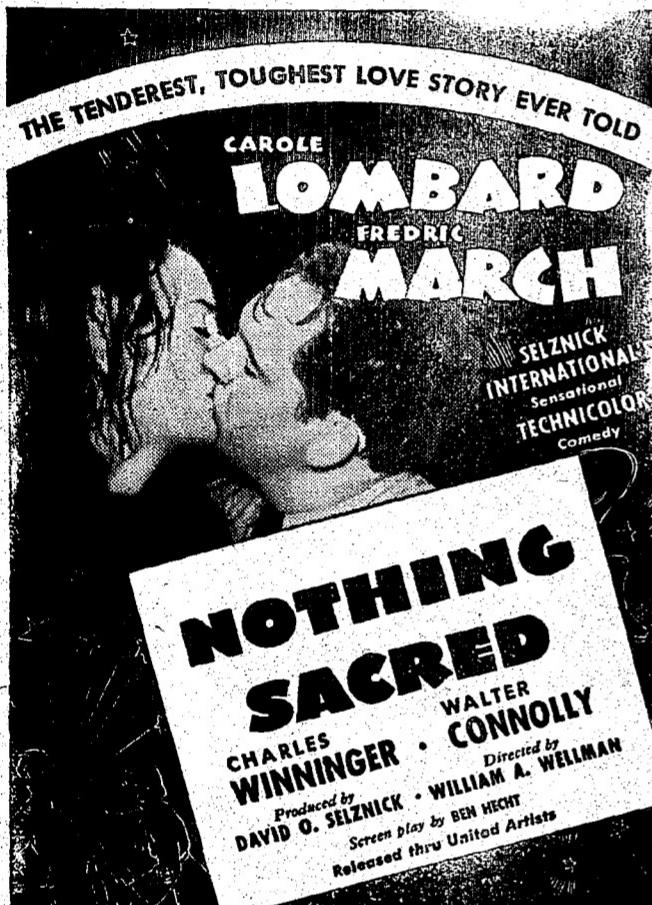
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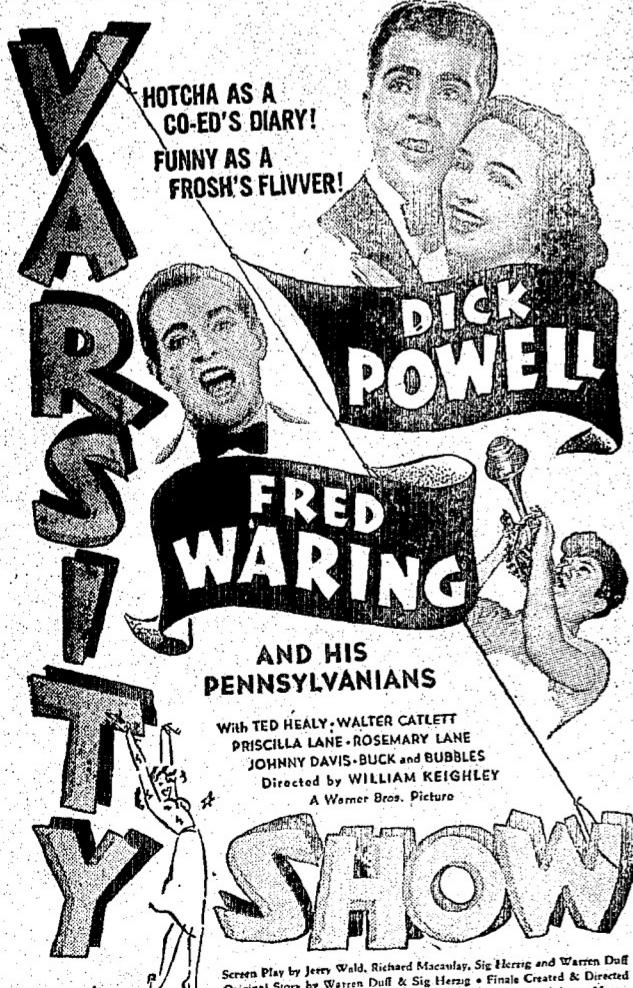
Grayling, Michigan



SUNDAY and MONDAY

December 26 and 27

Sunday Show continuous from 2 P. M. to Closing.



WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
December 29 - 30

LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1937

Little Larry McNamara, who has been quite sick and threatened with pneumonia, is much improved.

Today an institute of recreational supervisors and leaders is being held at the High school building.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex St. John are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter at Mercy Hospital, Monday. Donna Lee is her name.

William Taylor of Alpena has come to Grayling and accepted a position at Ford Sales & Service, taking the place of Everett Desy.

Little Bobbie Bishaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishaw, who has been quite sick with bronchial pneumonia, is much better.

Little Betty Ann Canfield, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Canfield, is quarantined at her home with scarlet fever.

There is training in boxing every afternoon after 4:00 o'clock at the school gym carried on by the local recreational leaders. Anyone wishing to take part is invited.

Motorists please drive carefully on Elm street, as little tots are coasting down Connine's Hill most every day now. Kiddies should be careful to watch out for cars also.

This office is in receipt of a copy of The Winnipeg Evening Tribune, sent by Leon R. Babbitt from Port Arthur, Ont. Mr. Babbitt is doing some globe trotting at the present time.

Plan to celebrate New Years Eve at Horseshoe Lake. Heck's Harmonizers will play and there will be favors for everyone. There is no cover charge, but you had better make your reservation in advance.

Rev. Fr. James Moloney has gone to Marquette to be gone until after Christmas, owing to his mother being in a critical condition in a hospital there. A priest from Grand Rapids will be here until he returns.

Christmas time affords one a great opportunity to do some boy or girl or family a kindly deed. Look around and then dig down and do the thing your heart tells you to do. It leaves you with such a wonderful feeling.

Harry Shoemaker, of Plymouth, brother-in-law of W. J. Heric and known to many in Grayling, was one of the injured ones in the wreck of the Pere Marquette train at Inkster last Friday. He is employed by the M. C. R. R., but was off duty and on his way home. His injuries however were just minor.

Santa Claus is making a big hit with the kiddies as he saunters up and down Michigan avenue each afternoon. He made his first appearance early Friday afternoon, and when school was out for the day, and youngsters came down town on their way home, he had an enthusiastic crowd of followers.

Mrs. Harold Jarmin was hostess to a beautifully appointed Christmas luncheon for her Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon. The center of the luncheon table was decorated with lighted mactif was blue and silver. Following the luncheon Mrs. Roy Trudgeon received the honors for the bridge game, each guest received a gift from the hostess.

Last week Chet Howell of Saginaw, editor of the Chesaning Argus, passed thru Grayling enroute to Cheboygan. With him were his two sons and Frank Pickard Jr., and two other Saginaw lads and one lad from Chesaning. They were to be guests of Editor Al Weber at Cheboygan and together would select and cut their own Christmas trees. This is an annual affair with this group and we'll bet the "Old Architect" and Al had more fun out of it than the kids did, and that's saying a lot. And what a treat for those six husky youngsters. Most any kid would give a lot to be able to go with his daddy or someone else's daddy on such a trip.

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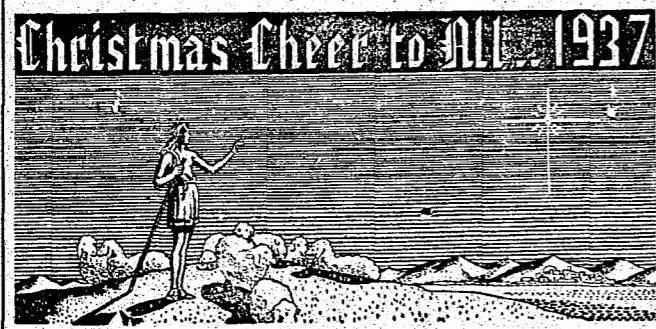
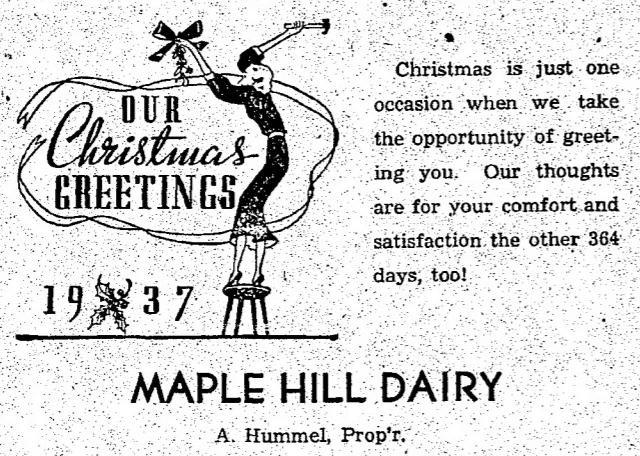
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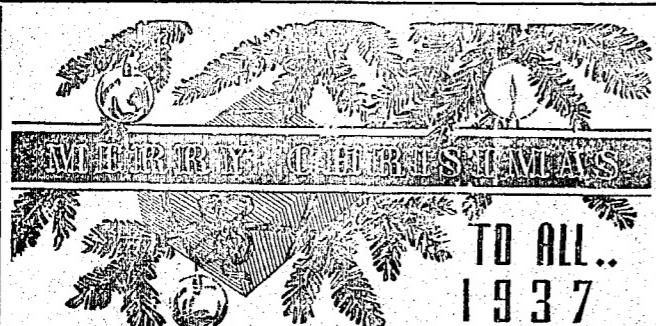
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Your faithful guide,
Peace and happiness
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While health and prosperity
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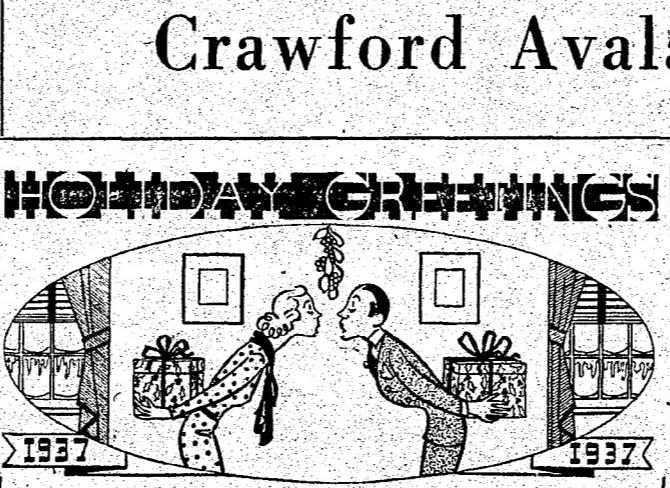
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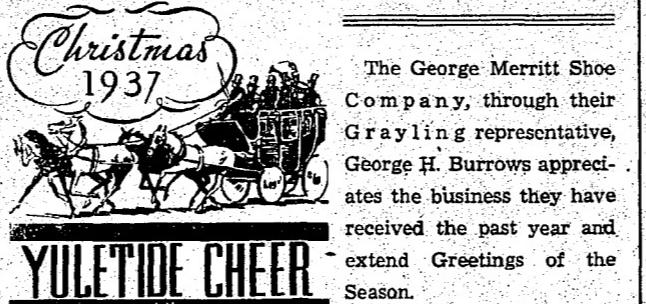
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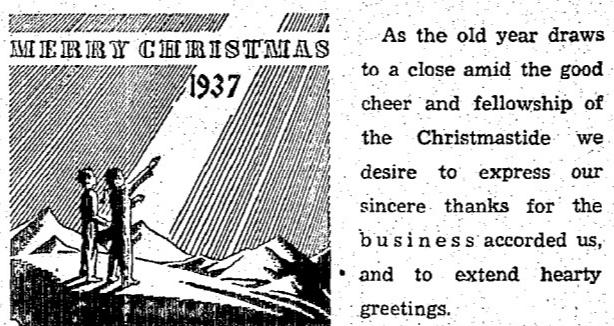
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As the old year draws to a close amid the good cheer and fellowship of the Christmastide we desire to express our sincere thanks for the business accorded us, and to extend hearty greetings.

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And may the New Year and a continuation of our personal and business bring Happiness, Prosperity and friendship.

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At this Holiday Season we feel deeply grateful for the patronage accorded us during the past year and extend the season's greetings.

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